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## PROJECT/ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION:

Starting at the end of May 1991 and continuing until at least December 1993, a variety of site characterization activities will take place within several Operable Units (OU 1, OU 2, OU 5) on the Rocky Flats Plant (RFP). These project activities will involve preliminary characterization for eventual closure for RCRA areas, and preliminary characterization for CERCLA areas and ongoing programs to characterize the RFP site. No permits are required except those necessary for excavation to obtain site characterization samples and use of dynamite as described below. The activities will be to characterize the OUs so that Remedial Investigation efforts and subsequent Feasibility Studies are conducted. Examples of the activities include: drilling of boreholes and wells, and surface water, ground water, sediments, air, flora, and fauna samples collected for site characterization. Sampling will be conducted continually to take advantage of various growing seasons and developmental stages for flora and fauna samples. Seasonal variations data may also provide a basis for abiotic samples collected.

The samples will be collected by a variety of methods depending on the sample matrix type, but generally, will involve manually collected samples with simple hand-held portable equipment graduating to more complex heavy equipment collection devices, such as drill rigs. Other instrumentation will be used to conduct various surveys (e.g., seismic or geologic characterization, mapping, species distribution, etc.)

Some characterization activities will be focused on individual OUs, while others will be site-wide. The following paragraphs describe first the OU specific characterization programs, followed by the site-wide programs.

## **OU-SPECIFIC PROGRAMS**

# Operable Unit No. 1 - 881 Hillside

## **FIELD INVESTIGATION:**

The locations of known sources of potential contamination or Individual Hazardous Substance Sites (IHSS) are identified in Figure 1. The Phase II RCRA Facility Investigation/Remedial Investigation (RFI/RI) field investigation will have these activities performed:

- Drill fifty-four boreholes and sample soils, bedrock materials, and wastes within IHSS. (See Figure 2.)
- Sample surficial soils for radionuclides and subsurface soils for radionuclides, TCL volatiles, semi-volatiles, and pesticides/PCBs, TAL metals, and inorganics. The Soil Sampling Program includes twenty soil stations on 2.5- to-10-acre plots that will be surveyed and sampled with spoonsize samplers.
- Install and sample seventeen ground water monitoring wells. (See Figure 2.)
- Perform aquifer tests, tracer tests, and geotechnical tests. (See Figure 3.)
- Collect surface water samples from ten new surface water stations. (Surface water sampling stations are simply points on stream or ditch banks marked by a stake or similar marker so that sampling is always done at the same point). (See Figure 7 for locations; also see Table 1.)

- Add three new sediment sampling stations. (Sediment sampling stations are simply points on stream or ditch banks marked by a stake or similar marker so that sampling is always done at the same point.) (See Figure 2.)
- Take water level measurements and stream flow measurements.
- Collect data on species distribution and habitat.
- Measure terrestrial vegetation for composition, productivity, and biomass.
- Collect tissue samples to analyze for intake rates, exposure times, and food chain relationships in flora and fauna.
- Measure ecological endpoints of toxicity to assess the differences in populations and communities between impacted and unimpacted reference areas by collecting and analyzing samples of flora and fauna.

#### SITE CHARACTERIZATION:

Geologic and hydrologic data will be incorporated into existing site maps and cross sections. Geologic data will be used to evaluate in detail the sedimentology and depositional framework of surficial materials and weathered bedrock. Paleochannel trends and potential contamination pathways will be further delineated. Hydrologic data will be used to evaluate seasonal variations in water levels, ground water flow, and the extent of saturated surficial materials. Also evaluated will be hydraulic conductivity, ground water velocity, contaminant migration rates, and the interaction between ground water and surface water. Brief field surveys and an ecological inventory will be conducted to describe the existing ecological setting in terms of habitats, vegetation, wildlife, and aquatic species. Observations for obvious signs or zones of contamination or impacts to biota and their habitats will be made.

## SAMPLE LOCATIONS:

Water, soil, flora and/or fauna samples will be collected from within the following SWMUs/IHSSs:

- Oil Sludge Pit Site (IHSS Ref. No. 102)
- Chemical Burial Site (IHSS Ref. No. 103)
- Liquid Dumping Site (IHSS Ref. No. 104)
- Out-of-Service Fuel Oil Tanks (IHSS Ref. Nos. 105.1 and 105.2)
- Outfall Site (IHSS Ref. No. 106)
- Hillside Oil Leak Site (IHSS Ref. No. 107)
- Multiple Solvent Spill Site (IHSS Ref. Nos. 119.1 and 119.2)

- Radioactive Site No. 1-800 Area (IHSS Ref. No. 130)
- Sanitary Waste Line Leak Site (IHSS Ref. No. 145)
- Building 885 Drum Storage Site (IHSS Ref. No. 177)

In addition, samples will be gathered from areas in or near the OU but outside of designated SWMUs/IHSSs.

## OPERABLE UNIT NO. 2 - 903 PAD, MOUND, AND EAST TRENCHES AREA

The locations of known sources of potential contamination or Individual Hazardous Substance Sites (IHSS) are identified in Figure 4. Operable Unit No. 2 has been separated into alluvial and bedrock portions to characterize potential contamination east of the Rocky Flats Plant. The aspects are addressed below.

#### ALLUVIAL:

#### FIELD INVESTIGATION

Water, soil, flora and/or fauna samples will be collected from within the following SWMUs/IHSSs:

- Drilling and testing boreholes and wells at 122 sites. (Approx 150 ea. boreholes and wells.) (See Figures 5 and 6.)
- Sampling of boreholes and wells.
- Environmental Evaluation (Approx 1000 Acres.) (See Figures 9 and 10.)
- Collect surface water samples (see Figure 8 for locations of sampling stations).
- Collect sediment samples (see Figure 8 for locations of sampling stations).
- Take water level measurements, stream flow measurements, and ground water quality parameters.
- Collect data on species distribution and habitat.
- Measure terrestrial vegetation for composition, productivity, and biomass.
- Collect tissue samples from flora and fauna to analyze for intake rates, exposure times, and food chain relationships.
- Measure ecological endpoints of toxicity to assess the differences in populations and communities between impacted and unimpacted reference areas.

In addition, samples will be gathered from areas in or near the OU but outside of designated SWMUs/IHSSs.

## SITE CHARACTERIZATION:

Geologic and hydrologic data will be incorporated into existing site maps and cross sections. Geologic data will be used to detail the stratigraphy of surficial materials and weathered bedrock within source areas and to map the extent of paleochannels in the top of bedrock. Hydrologic data will be used to evaluate seasonal variations in water levels, ground water flow, and the extent of saturated surficial materials. Also evaluated will be storage capability, ground water velocity, contaminant migration rates, and the interaction between ground water and surface water.

#### SAMPLE LOCATIONS:

Water, soil, flora and/or fauna samples will be collected from within the following SWMUs/IHSSs:

- 903 Drum Storage Site and 903 Pad Lip Site (IHSS Ref. NO. 112 and 155)
- Trench T-2 Site and Reactive Metal Destruction Site (IHSS Ref. Nos. 109 and 140)
- Mound, Oil Burn Pit, and Trench T-1 Sites (IHSS Ref. Nos. 113, 153, and 108)
- Pallet Burn Site (IHSS Ref. No. 154)
- Trenches T-3, T-4, T-10, and T-11 (IHSS Ref. Nos. 110, 111.1, 111.7, and 111.8)
- Trenches T-5 through T-9 (IHSS Ref. Nos. 111.2 through 111.6)
- East Spray Field (IHSS Ref. Nos. 216.2 and 216.3)
- Gas Detoxification Site (IHSS Ref. No 183)

In addition, samples will be gathered from areas in or near the OU but outside of designated SWMUs/IHSSs.

#### **BEDROCK**

#### FIELD INVESTIGATION:

- Approximately twenty boreholes and thirty-eight wells. (See Figure 6.)
- Additional sampling based on outcome of interim results.

#### OPERABLE UNIT NO. 5 - WOMAN CREEK DRAINAGE

## FIELD ACTIVITIES:

The field sampling plan for each IHSS consists of a combination of screening activities, sampling of soils, sediment, air, and surface water, well installation and sampling; the sampling plan is briefly summarized below.

- IHSS 115 Original Landfill (see Figures 11 and 12). Screening activities at the Original Landfill will consist of a review of the gamma radiation survey recently completed and completion of a soil gas survey. Sampling will include subsurface sampling in borings and sediment and surface water sampling adjacent to the unit. Wells will be installed and sampled downgradient of the unit and in selected soil borings if a plume is encountered. An additional activity at the unit will be a study of the pipes protruding from the landfill and sampling of effluent from the pipes, if present.
- IHSS 133.1-6 Ash Pits 1-4, Incinerator, and Concrete Wash Pad. (See Figure 13.) A radiological survey will be the screening activity conducted at the IHSS 133 sites. Surface soil samples will be collected from the locations that have high radiation concentrations identified during the radiological survey. Subsurface soil samples will also be collected from borings in the Ash Pit areas. Three monitoring wells will be installed downgradient of the units and sampled.
- IHSS 142 Detention Ponds C-Series. (See Figure 14.) Surface water samples will be collected from several locations in each pond. Sediment samples will be collected in the ponds, as well as along the entire Woman Creek drainage within the Rocky Flats Plant. Sediment samples will also be collected in the South Interceptor Ditch (SID). Background surface water and sediment samples will be collected west of the Plant. Two monitoring wells will be installed and sampled in the alluvium downgradient of each dam at Ponds C-1 and C-2.
- IHSS 209 Surface Disturbance Southeast of Building 881 and Surface Disturbances South of the Ash Pits. (See Figure 14.) Visual inspections of the surface disturbance areas and review of historical use information pertaining to these sites will be completed prior to screening and sampling activities. A radiological survey will be completed at each area. Surface soil samples will be collected from the three pits at IHSS 209 and from the ditch at the surface disturbance south of the Ash Pits. A sediment sample and water sample (if water is present) will be collected from each of the former pond areas at IHSS 209. Surface and subsurface soil samples will be collected from borings in each of the trenches and the fill areas at the surface disturbance south of the Ash Pits.
- Semi-permanent air monitoring stations will be installed and operated at the locations shown in Figure 24. Monitors will be mounted on existing posts when possible. When necessary, new posts will be installed to support the monitors.

#### OPERABLE UNIT NO. 6 - SOUTH WALNUT CREEK DRAINAGE

## FIELD ACTIVITIES:

The field work projected for each IHSS requires a combination of screening activities, sampling of soils, sediment, air, and surface water, and well installation and sampling. The activities are briefly summarized below.

- IHSS 141 Sludge Dispersal Area. (See Figure 15.) The screening activity at the sludge dispersal
  area will be a radiological survey. Sampling activities will be limited to surface soil sampling. One
  monitoring well will be installed downgradient of the unit and sampled.
- IHSS 142.1-9, 12 Detention Ponds A-Series and B-Series. (See Figures 16, 17, 18a, and 18b.) Surface water and sediment samples will be collected in several locations in each pond. Sediment samples will also be collected from Walnut Creek upgradient and downgradient of the ponds and between the ponds. Background surface water and sediment samples will be

collected north and west of the Plant. A total of four monitoring wells will be installed and sampled in the alluvium downgradient of the dams at Ponds A-4 and B-5.

- IHSS 143 Old Outfall. (See Figure 19.) The screening activity at the Old Outfall site will be a radiological survey. Sampling will include surface soil sample collection at the existing surface and at the original surface below the fill, collection of soil samples to a depth of two feet below the original ground surface, and collection of composite fill samples. In addition, soil samples will be collected upslope from the Old Outfall where the surface runoff was channeled to this area.
- IHSS 156.2 Soil Dumping Area (See Figure 15.) One monitoring well will be installed as shown in Figure 15. Fourteen soil sampling boreholes will be drilled up to approximately 15 feet deep at the locations shown in the same Figure.
- IHSS 165 Triangle Area. (See Figure 15.) A radiological survey and a soil gas survey will be the
  screening activities conducted at the Triangle Area. Surface soil samples will be collected from
  plume areas delineated during the screening. Subsurface samples will be collected from the
  same locations as the surface samples. Two alluvial ground water monitoring wells will be installed
  within the IHSS and sampled.
- IHSS 166.1-3 Trenches A, B, and C. (See Figure 20.) The screening activity will consist of an
  electromagnetic geophysical survey which will be used to delineate the locations and extent of
  the trenches as well as seismic geologic characterization. Subsurface samples will be collected
  from borings drilled along the long axis of the trenches. One ground water well will be installed
  east of this IHSS and sampled.
- IHSS 167.1-3 North Area, Pond Area, and South Area Spray Fields. (See Figure 20.) Based on
  the findings of the aerial photograph review, surface and subsurface soil samples will be collected
  in each spray field area using a grid location system. Two alluvial ground water monitoring wells will
  be installed and sampled, one downgradient of the North Area Spray Field and one downgradient
  of the South Area Spray Field. There will also be seismic geologic characterization conducted by
  trucks equipped with vibratory equipment.
- IHSS 216.1 East Area Spray Field. (See Figure 17.) Although the Interagency Agreement (IAG)
  does not specify field sampling at this site, limited surface and subsurface soil samples will be
  collected within this unit.
- Two air monitoring stations will be installed and operated at the locations shown in Figure 25.

## SITE-WIDE PROGRAMS

## Geologic Characterization Program

The on-going site-wide geologic characterization program will result in the drilling in approximately 63 boreholes. Of those, 11 will be in or immediately adjacent to SWMUs. The remainder will be located in different areas of the buffer zone as shown in Figure 21.

A second part of the geologic characterization program consists of a deep seismic line to be shot, partially across the north side of Rocky Flats and also to the beginning of the foothills to the west and approximately one (1) mile east of RFP adjacent to the north side of Great Western Reservoir. This will be

shot as one continuous line, the location of which is shown in Figure 26. The seismic line is to be shot at locations offsite of RFP and will be done by blasting with dynamite. The dynamite will be of relatively low charge, similar to that of a blasting cap. No significant noise is expected to be created. While on RFP, trucks equipped with vibratory equipment will be used. Permission from the respective landowners and proper permitting for the use of dynamite is currently being sought.

## Well Abandonment and Replacement Program

As part of the overall site characterization program at RFP, and in response to a tiger team finding, all pre-1989 monitoring wells are to be abandoned because of uncertainties about their construction. The total number of wells to be abandoned is approximately 60. Locations of these wells are shown in Figure 22. Abandonment will consist of pulling the well casing, plugging the well with bentonite and capping it with concrete. Of the 60 wells being abandoned, approximately 30 are to be replaced with new wells. The 30 have not yet been identified, but each of the replacement wells will be drilled in the vicinity of one of the wells to be abandoned.

## Wind-Site Investigation Program

Three wells will be drilled at the Wind-Site in locations shown in Figure 23. The wells will be drilled to characterize possible petroleum contaminants in the area.

#### COSTS

The total estimated cost to conduct this characterization effort will be approximately two million dollars.

## SCHEDULE/PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

The sampling activities to be conducted are in response to milestones in the Interagency Agreement (IAG). The due dates vary for each Operable Unit, but since sampling activities are scheduled to begin by the end of May 1991, this date is the impetus for action.

#### **EMISSION QUANTITIES**

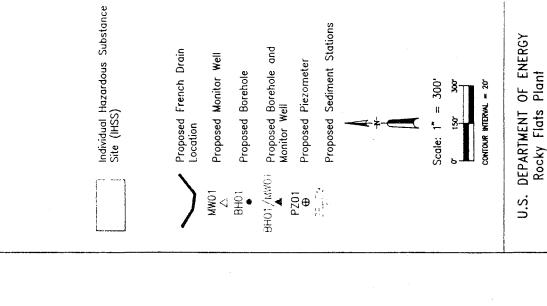
Because of operational procedures already in place, very limited amounts, if any, of disturbed sample matrix will cause a fugitive emissions problem. The samples gathered for analyses purposes will be contained and controlled under the chain of custody procedures implemented. Sample size may range from several pounds of dirt to several gallons of water.

FIGURE 1

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OPERABLE UNIT NO.1 PHASE III RFI/RI WORK PLAN

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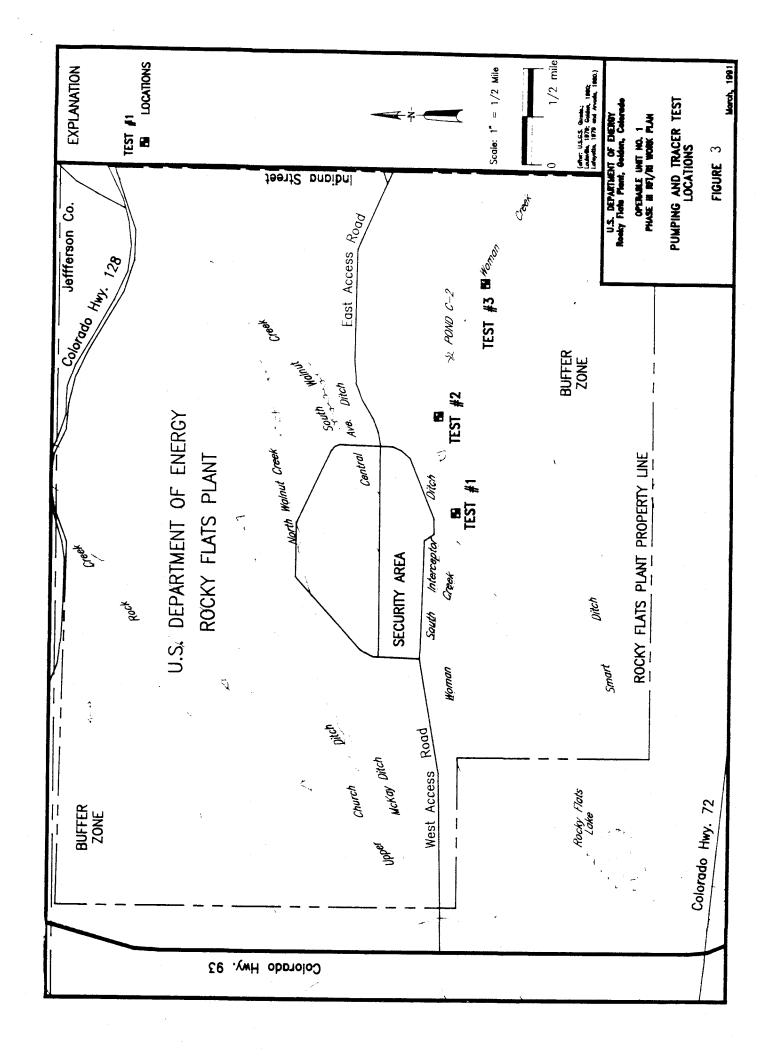
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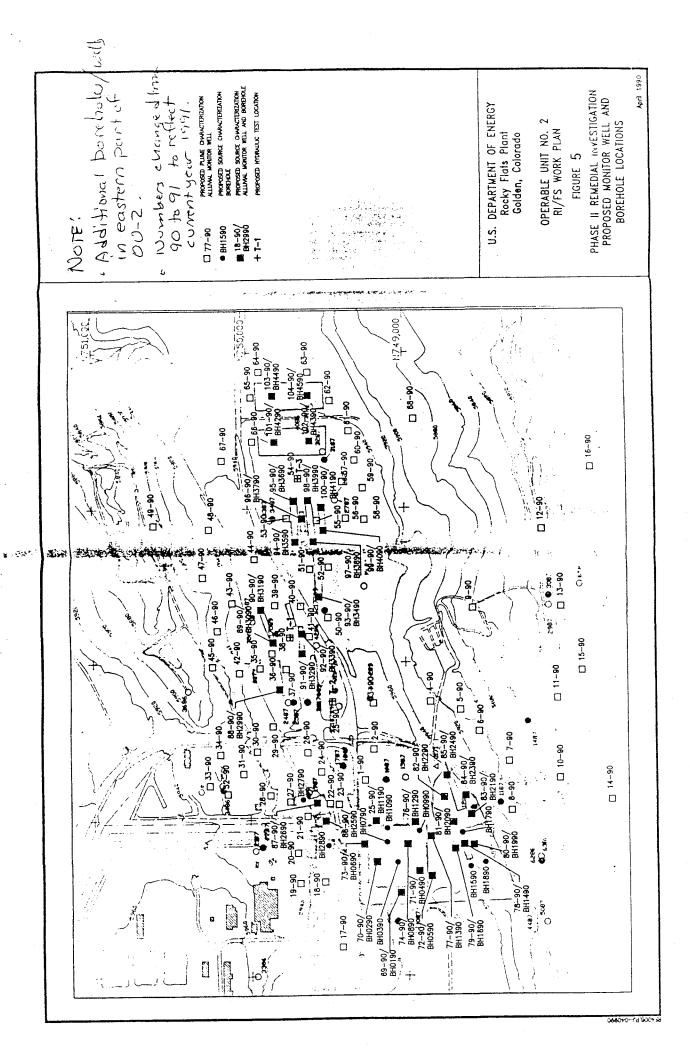
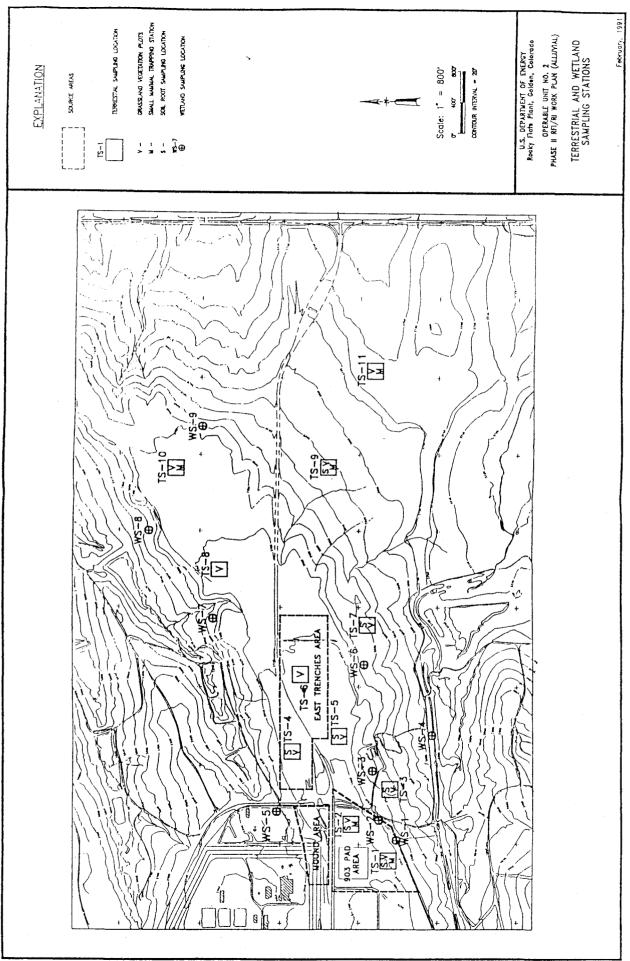
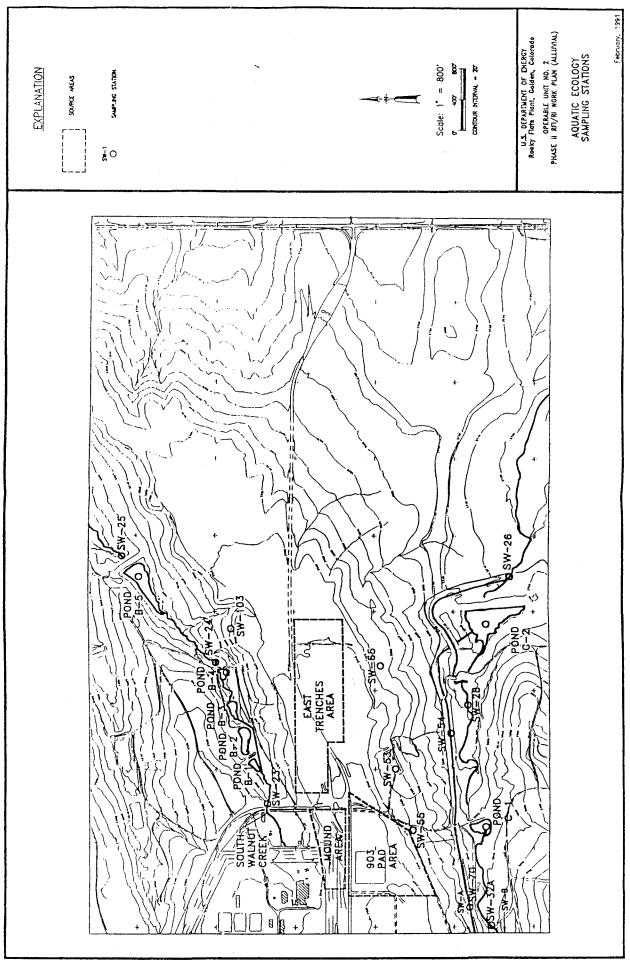
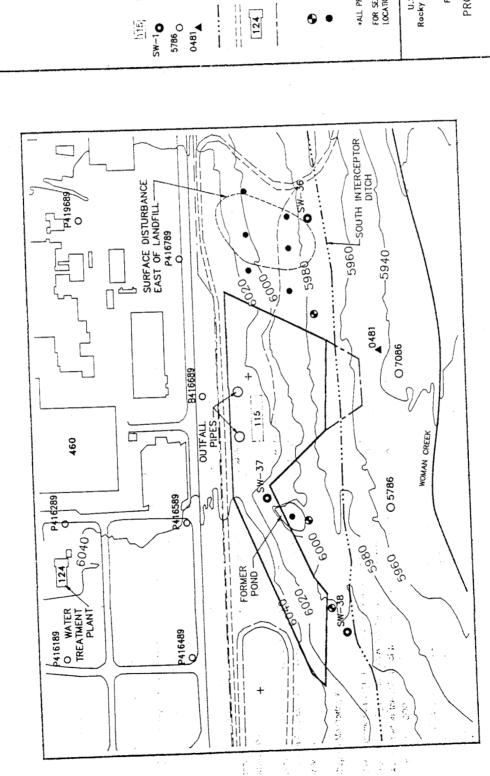


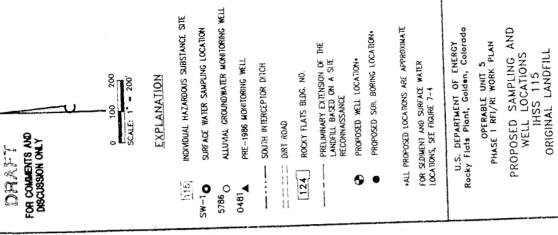
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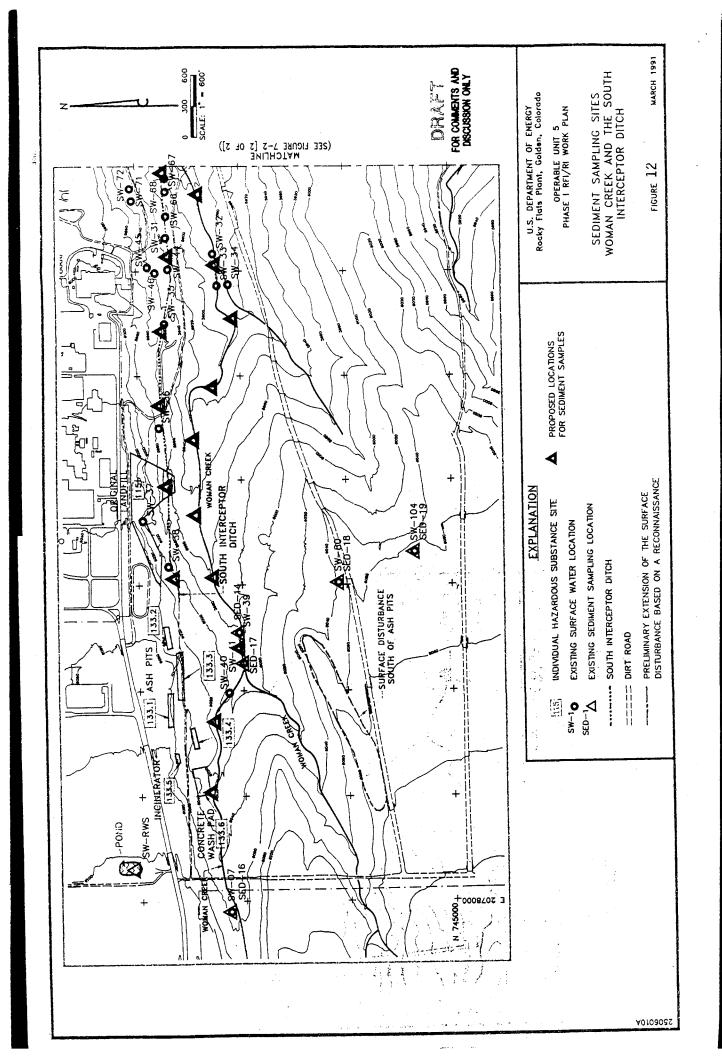


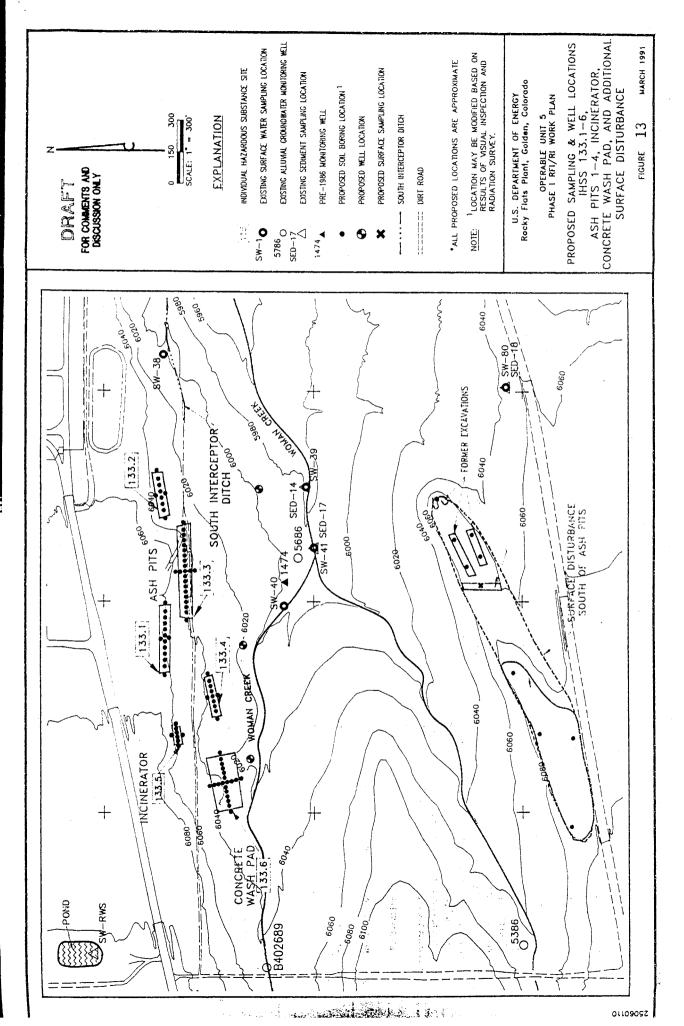


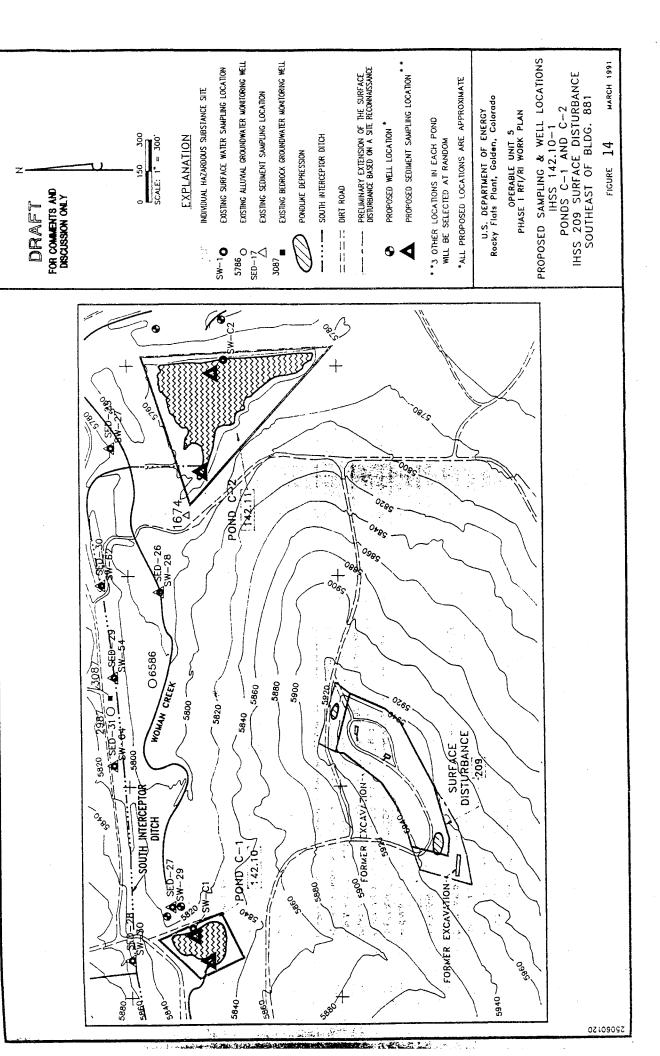


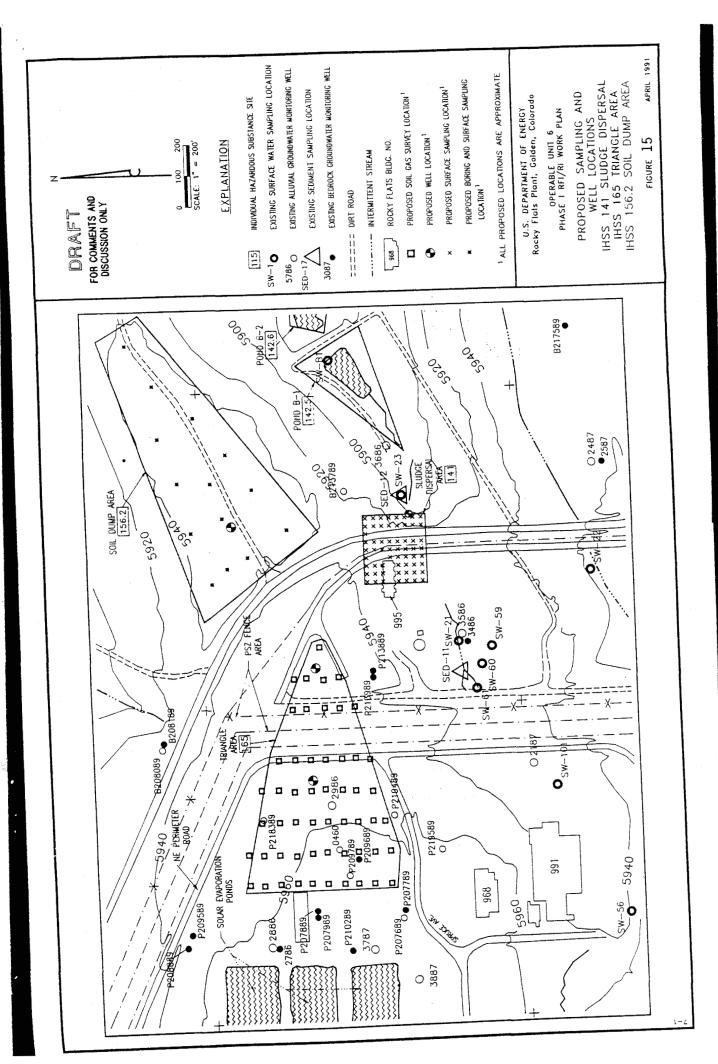
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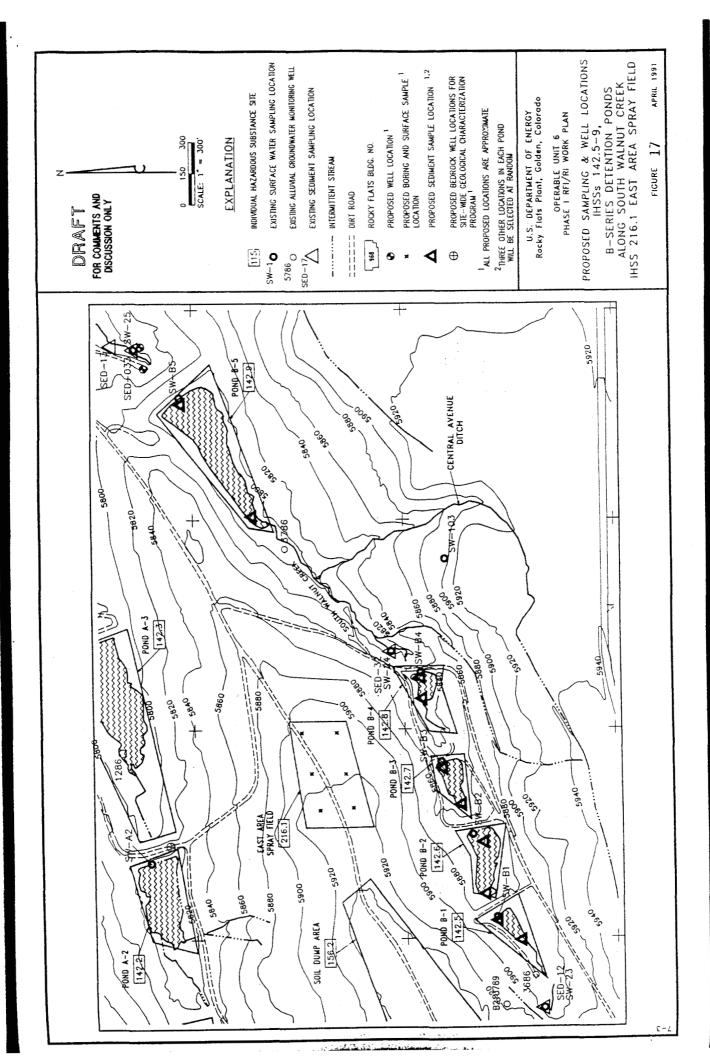
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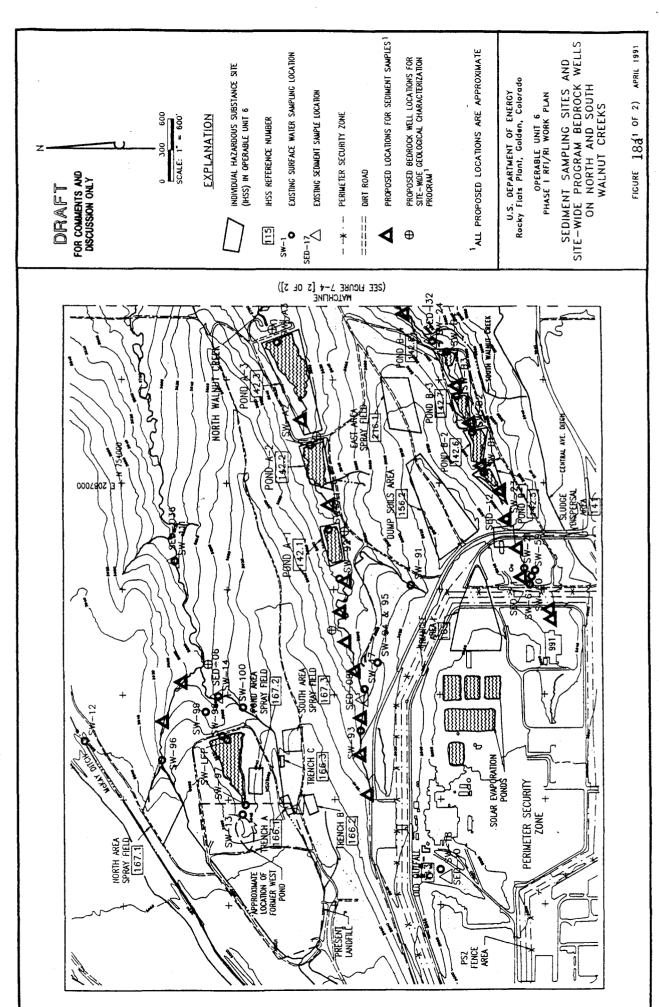


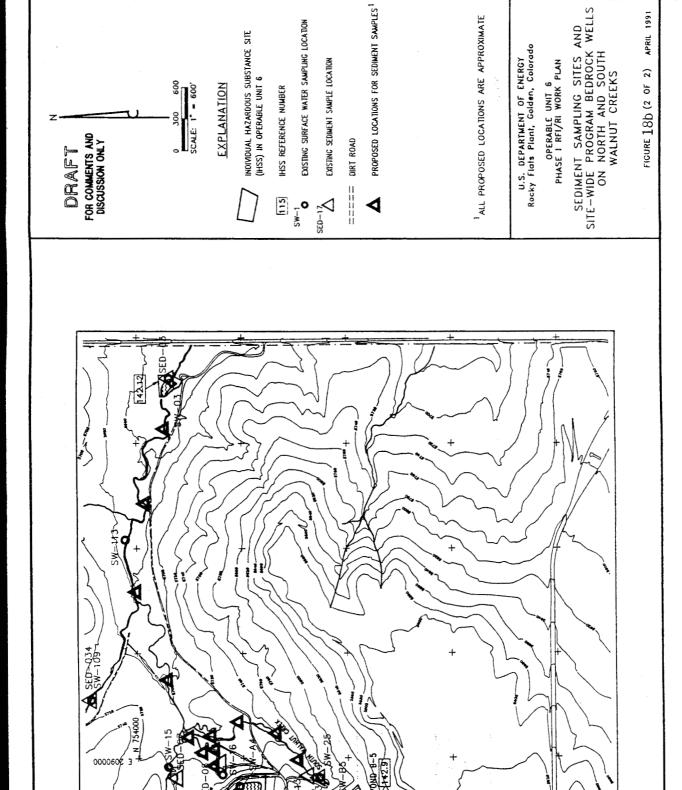






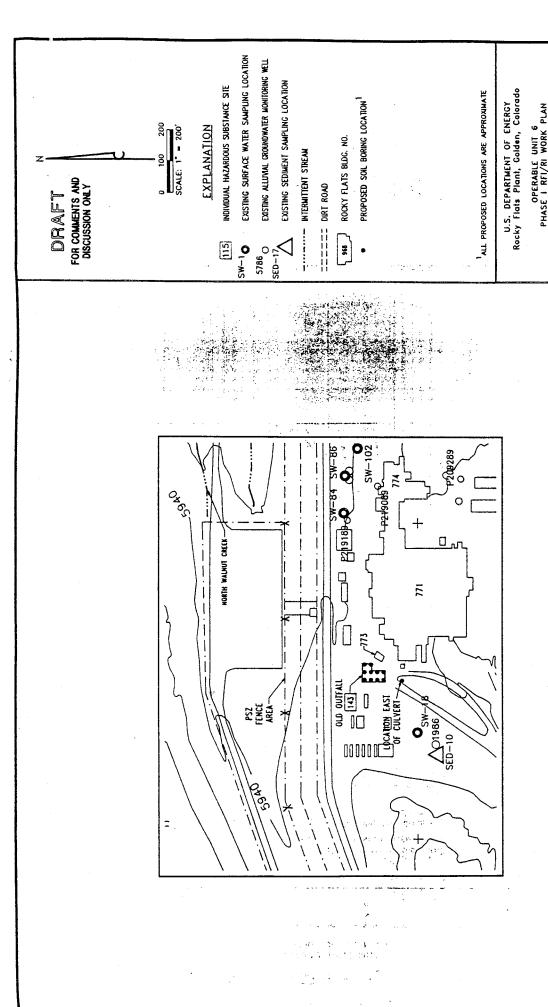






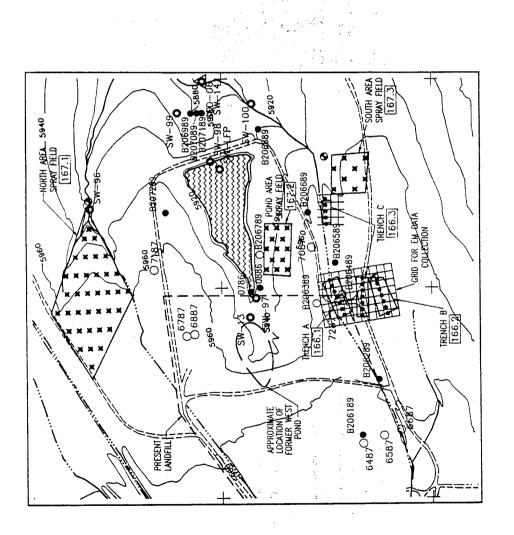
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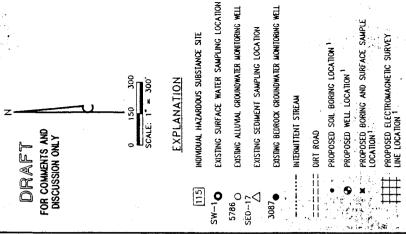
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PROPOSED SAMPLING LOCATIONS IHSS 143 OLD OUTFALL AREA FIGURE 19

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EXISTING BEDROCK GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL EXISTING SEDIMENT SAMPLING LOCATION

PROPOSED ELECTROMAGNETIC SURVEY LINE LOCATION 1

1 ALL PROPOSED LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY Rocky Flots Plant, Golden, Colorado

PROPOSED SAMPLING & WELL LOCATIONS IHSS 166.1-3, TRENCHES A, B, & C IHSS 167.1-3 NORTH AREA, POND AREA AND SOUTH AREA OPERABLE UNIT 6 PHASE I RFI/RI WORK PLAN

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of Geologic Characterization Wells to be drilled through 1992. Wells

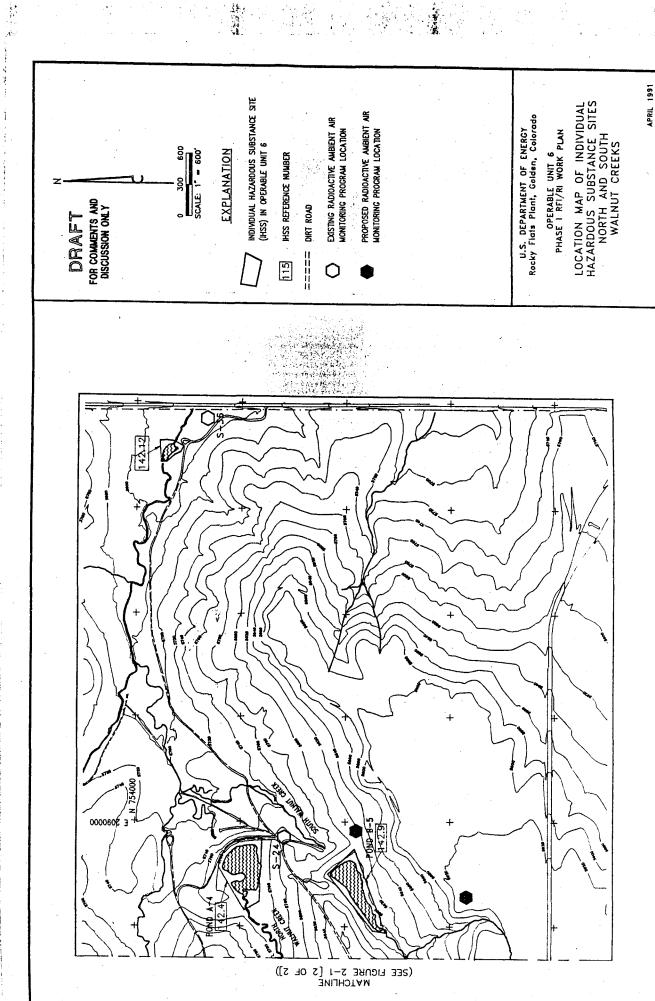
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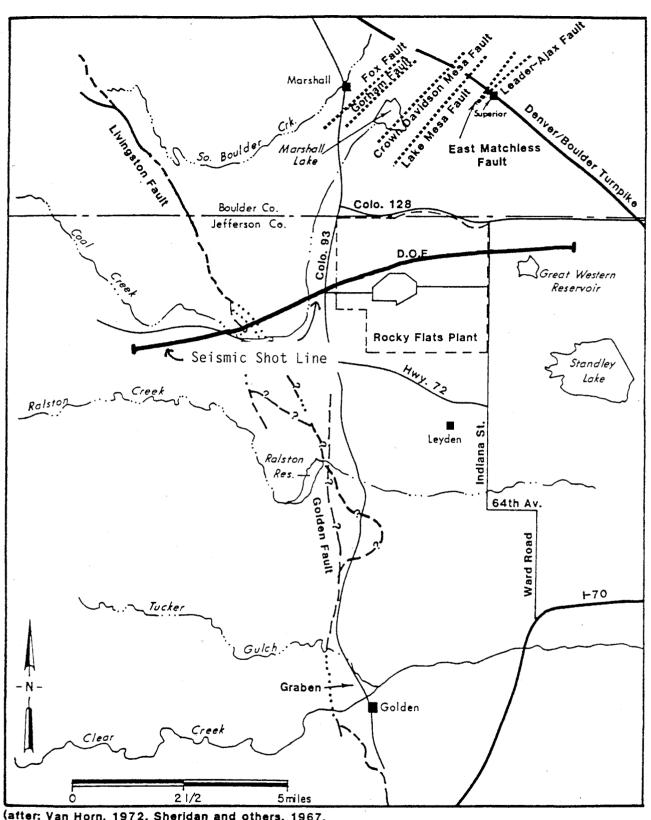
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(after: Van Horn, 1972, Sheridan and others, 1967, Wells, 1967, and Spencer, 1961)

Fault Locations Between Golden and Marshall, Colorado (excluding Eggleston Fault)